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RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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VIOLATION OF GUIDELINES UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware that some States are not strictly following Central guidelines about rural development schemes funded by it and specific cases of misappropriation of funds and mismanagement have come to its notice during the last three years ;

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise ;

(c) The action initiated in the matter ;

(d) Whether benefits of poverty alleviation schemes are going to best among the poors ;

(e) If not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) The steps taken for rectifying the same ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a)to(f) The Ministry of Rural Development has issued detailed guidelines for implementation of various programmes. The Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation and impact of the programmes including utilization of funds through Periodical Progress Reports, Performance of Review Committee, Area Officer`s Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State/District level with greater involvement of members of Parliament, National Level Monitors to monitor quality of work, adherence to implementation of schemes as per programme guidelines. Besides, the States have been advised to adopt a five- pronged strategy consisting of

(i) creation of awareness about the schemes,.

(ii) transparency

(iii) People`s partnership,

(iv) accountability, social audit and

(v) strict vigilance and monitoring at all levels.